

# Chapter 11: Gene Action

## Modeling DNA

### Process and Procedures

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1. Create a color key.
2. What is a nucleotide?
3. What are the three building blocks of a nucleotide?
4. How many different nitrogen bases are found in DNA?
5. How do the bases pair up?

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### DNA Structure and Replication

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DNA

a molecule responsible for transferring genetic information from parents to offspring

Is required for building, maintenance and regulation of all living organisms' cells

Structure of DNA

shape of a twisted ladder

The sides, or “backbone” of the ladder is made of sugar-phosphate molecules

The rungs/steps of the ladder are made up of nitrogen bases

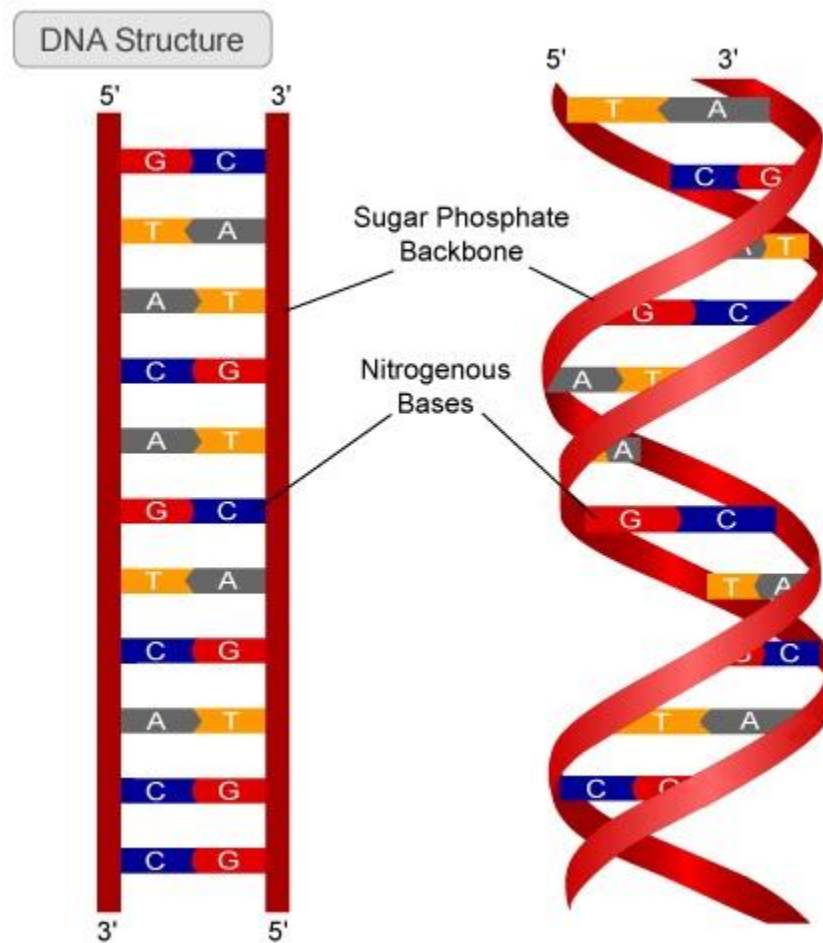
Nitrogen bases

- adenine (A)
- cytosine (C)
- guanine (G)
- thymine (T)

Complementary  
base pairing

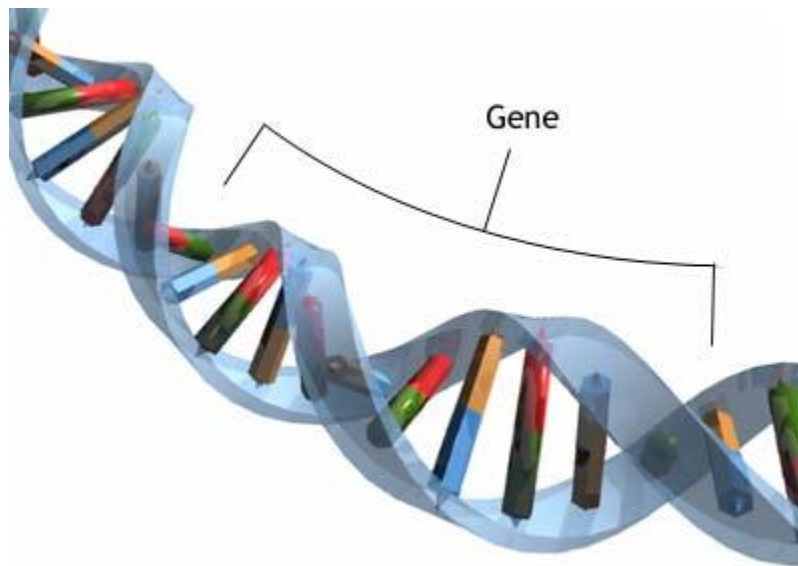
the specific bonding pattern  
between nitrogen bases

adenine—thymine  
cytosine—guanine



**Gene**

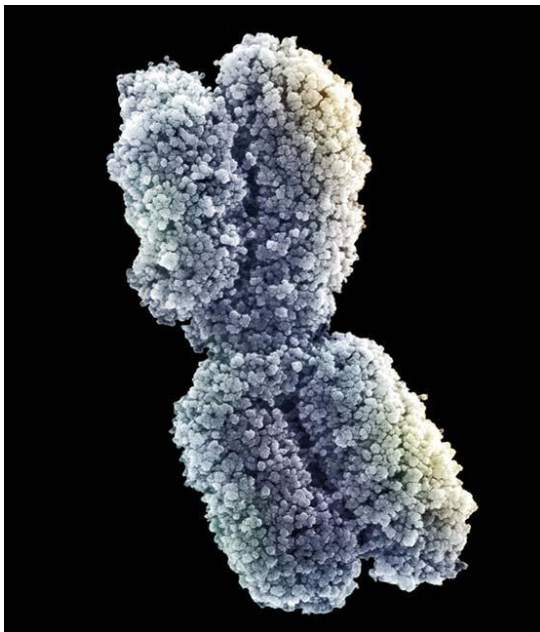
a section of DNA that controls  
physical characteristics (eye color,  
height, etc.)



## Chromosome

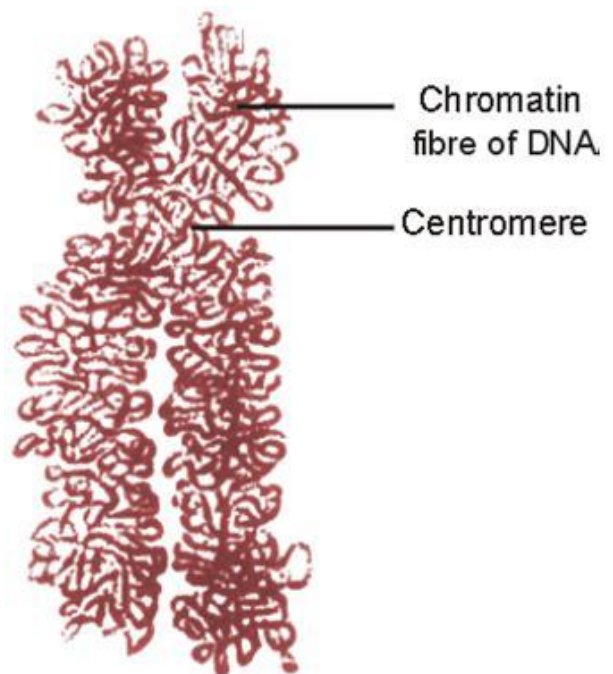
structure in the nucleus that contains DNA

It is made of a tightly coiled material called *chromatin*



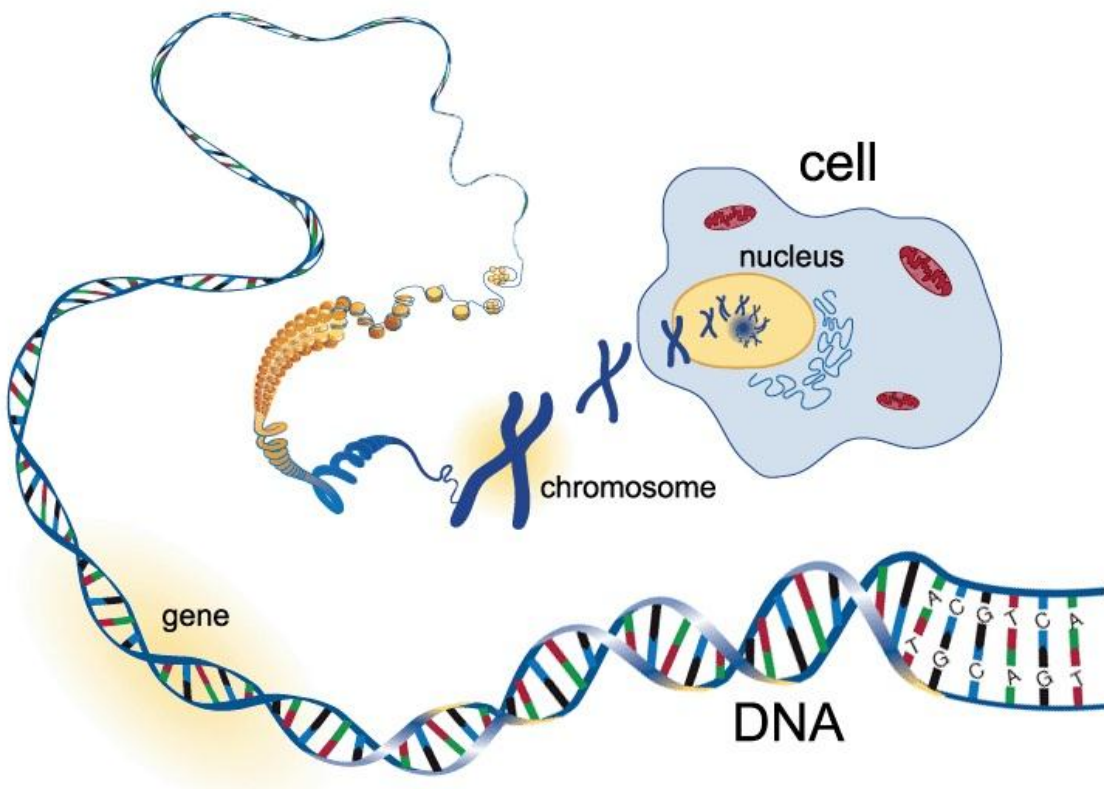
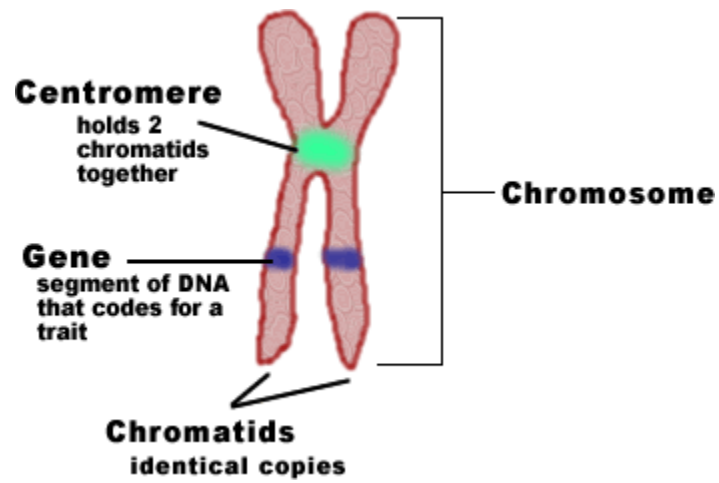
## Chromatid

each half of the chromosome



## Centromere

holds the chromatids together



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Chromosomes

come in pairs

One from male parent, one from female parent

Humans have 46 chromosomes (23 pairs)

Number of chromosomes

- constant for each cell in the body (except for gametes, which only have half sets)
- constant throughout the life of an organism (cannot gain or lose chromosomes)
- constant for all members of a species

Copying DNA

a cell must copy its DNA before dividing and making more cells (daughter cells)

**Replication**

the process of making a copy of a cell's DNA

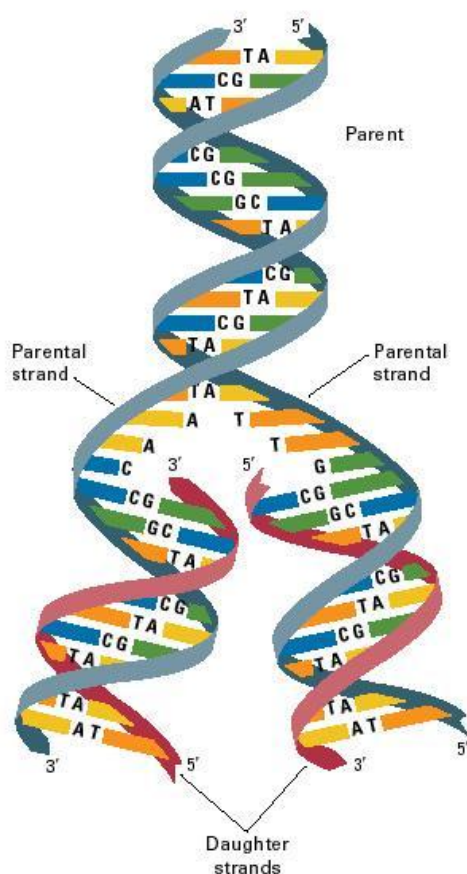
An enzyme called helicase separates and unwinds the double-stranded DNA molecule

Another enzyme called DNA polymerase moves along the broken strands and adds complimentary nitrogen bases

2 DNA molecules

each molecule contains one old strand and one new complementary strand

They are exact copies of the original DNA molecule



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## **Mutation**

a permanent change in DNA that occurs during replication

Mutations in body cells can be helpful, harmful or have no effect

Mutations in gametes are passed down to the offspring



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Protein synthesis

making proteins



Proteins are made by cells for different jobs

To make proteins, a cell has to follow a set of instructions from DNA

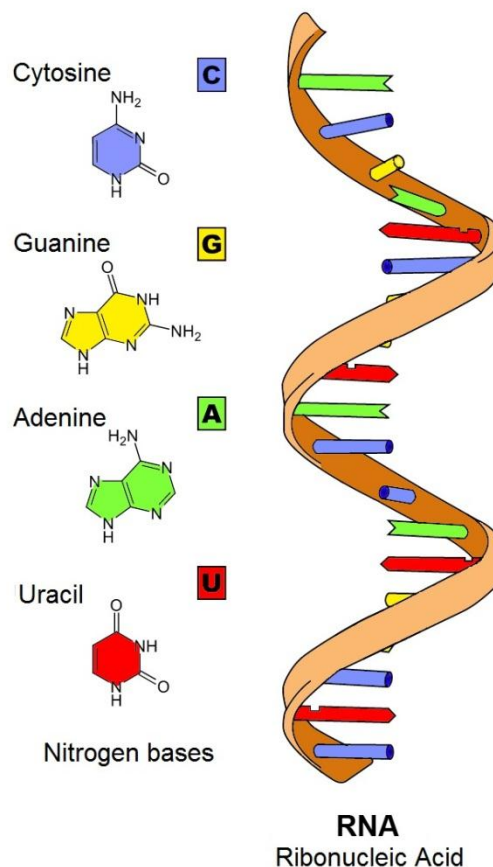
## RNA

a single-stranded nucleic acid molecule

It is needed to deliver and interpret the instructions for making proteins

RNA differs from DNA

- single strand
- sugar is ribose
- uracil replaces thymine

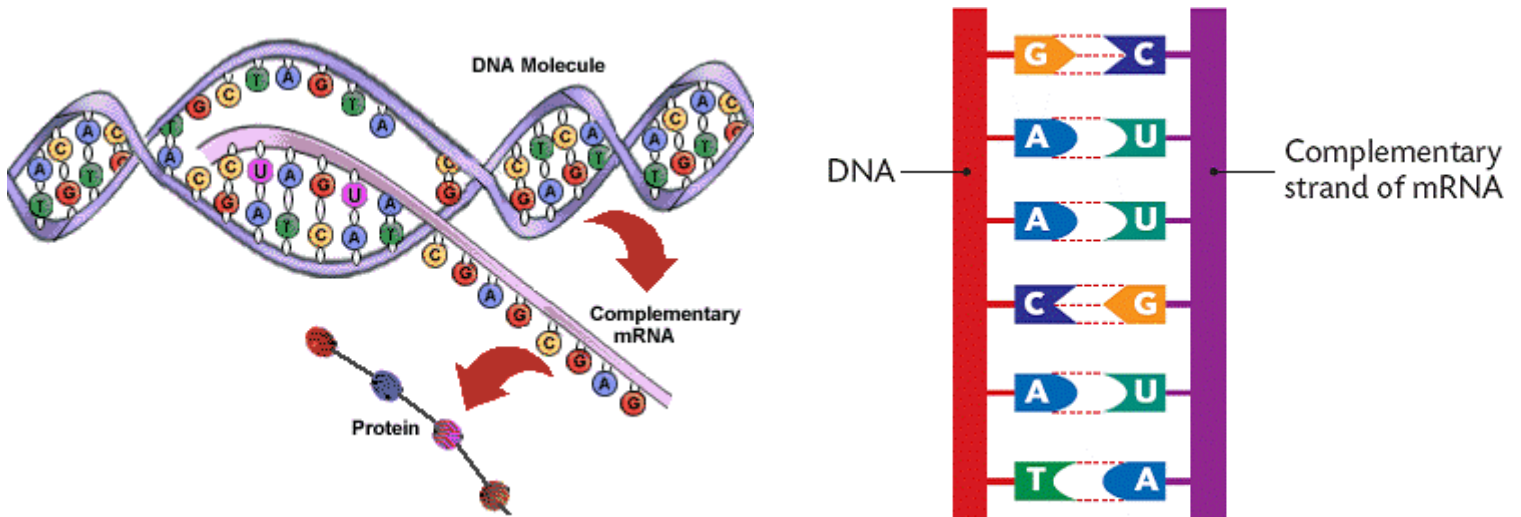


3 types

1. messenger RNA (mRNA)
2. transfer RNA (tRNA)
3. ribosomal RNA (rRNA)

## Transcription

the process of making mRNA from a strand of DNA



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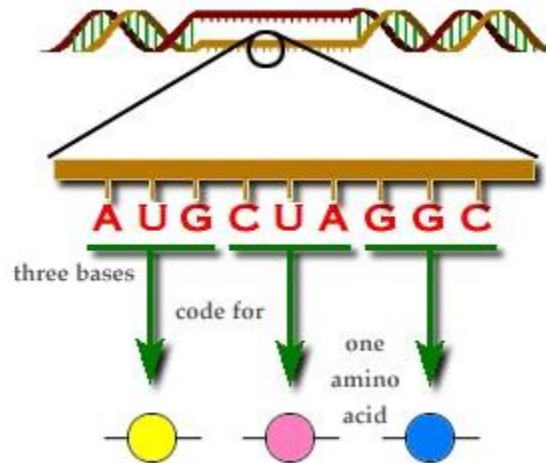
Messenger RNA

carries the instructions for making a protein from the DNA in the nucleus to the ribosomes

mRNA attaches to the ribosome

## Codon

a piece of an mRNA molecule that contains three sequential nitrogen bases



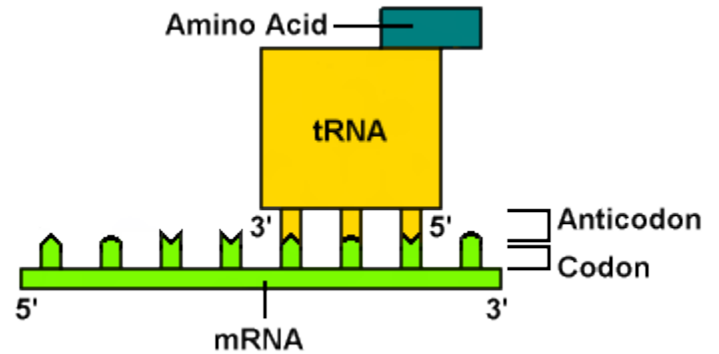
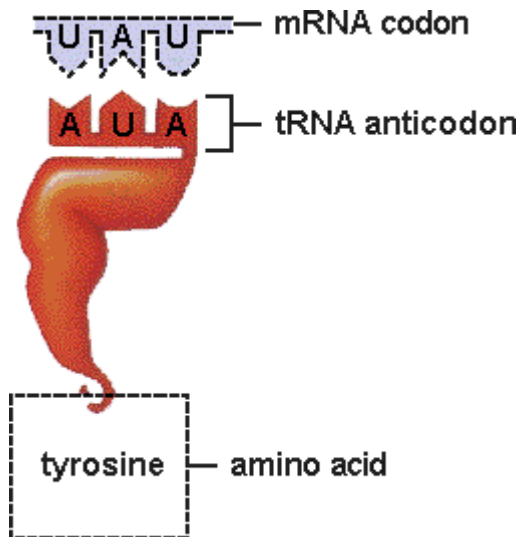
Each codon corresponds to a specific amino acid

1st base	2nd base								3rd base
	U		C		A		G		
U	UUU	Phenylalanine (F)	UCU	Serine (S)	UAU	Tyrosine (Y)	UGU	Cysteine ( C )	U
	UUC		UCC		UAC		UGC		C
	UUA		UCA		UAA	stop codon	UGA	stop codon	A
	UUG		UCG		UAG		UGG		Tryptophan (W)
C	CUU	Leucine (L)	CCU	Proline (P)	CAU	Histidine (H)	CGU	Arginine ( R )	U
	CUC		CCC		CAC		CGC		C
	CUA		CCA		CAA	Glutamine (Q)	CGA		A
	CUG		CCG		CAG		CGG		G
A	AUU	Isoleucine (I)	ACU	Threonine (T)	AAU	Asparagine (N)	AGU	Serine (S)	U
	AUC		ACC		AAC		AGC		C
	AUA	Methionine (M) & start codon	ACA		AAA	Lysine (K)	AGA	Arginine ( R )	A
	AUG		ACG		AAG		AGG		G
G	GUU	Valine (V)	GCU	Alanine (A)	GAU	Aspartic Acid (D)	GGU	Glycine (G)	U
	GUC		GCC		GAC		GGC		C
	GUA		GCA		GAA	Glutamic Acid (E)	GGA		A
	GUG		GCG		GAG		GGG		G

Anticodon

a section of tRNA made of three bases that are complementary to the mRNA codon

The tRNA anti codon pairs with its matching mRNA codon



Proteins are made of chains of amino acids

## Translation

tRNA translates the instructions for making a protein from the mRNA

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### Cell Division

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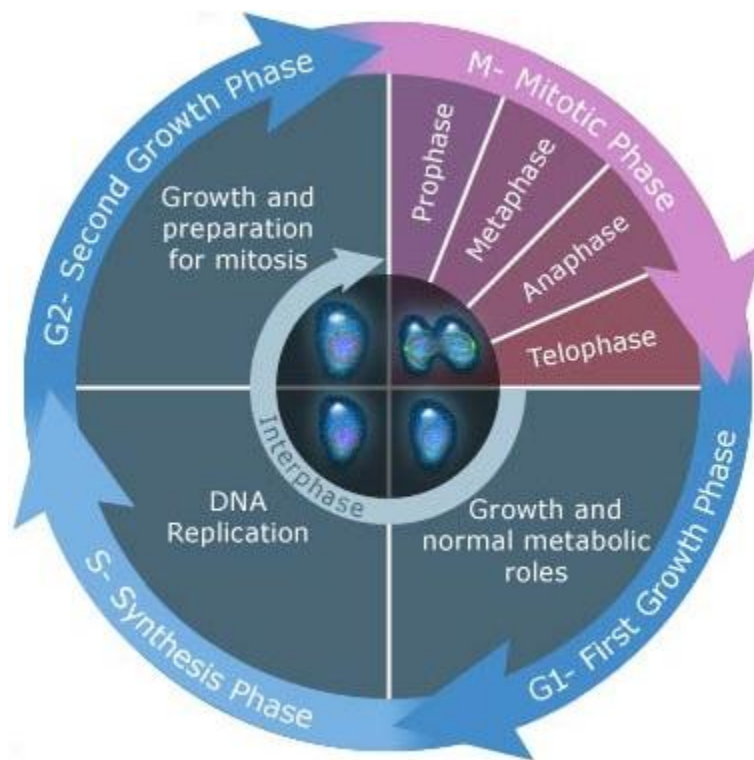
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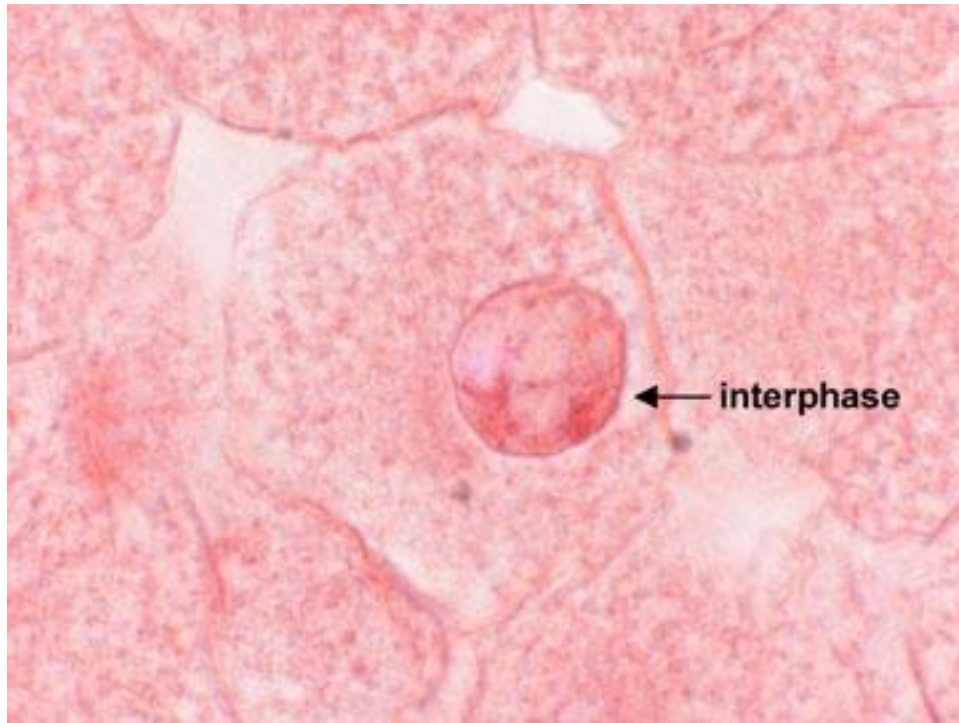
### Cell cycle

a repeating set of events that makes up the life of a cell



### Interphase

stage of the cell cycle in which a cell grows and makes copies of its DNA ( $G_1$ ,  $G_2$ , S)

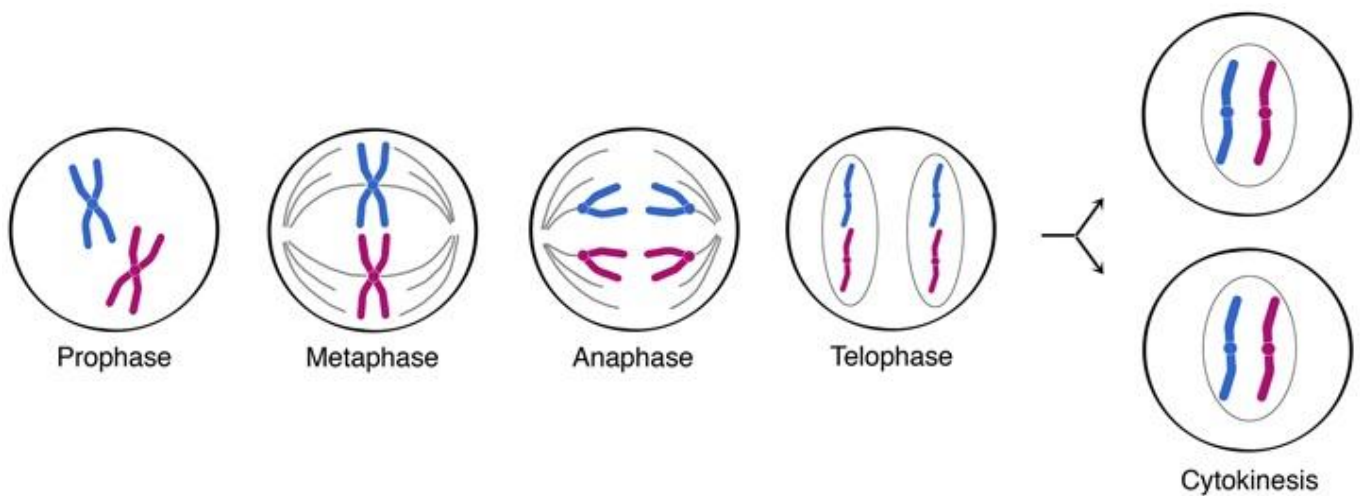


Growth and repair

why cells divide and make more cells

## Mitosis

the division of a cell's nucleus



Why mitosis?

to create more cells for growth and repair

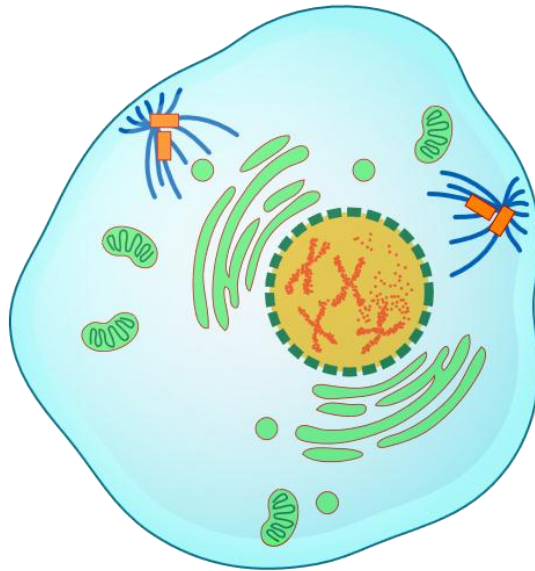


## Phases of mitosis

1. prophase
2. metaphase
3. anaphase
4. telophase

### Prophase

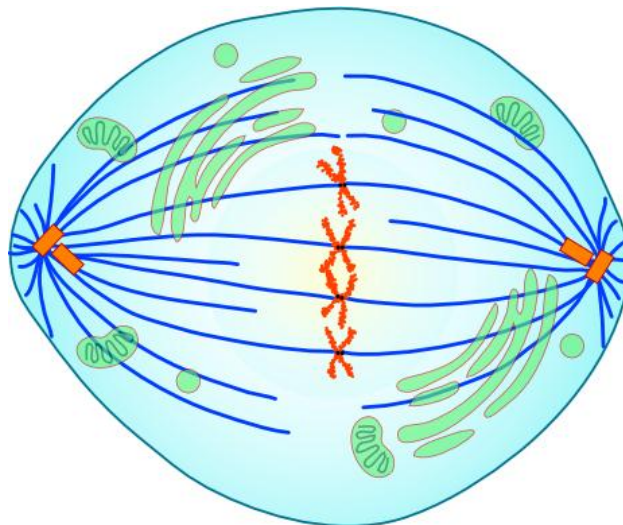
the chromosomes group tightly together and the nuclear membrane disappears



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### Metaphase

the copied chromosomes line up in the center of the cell

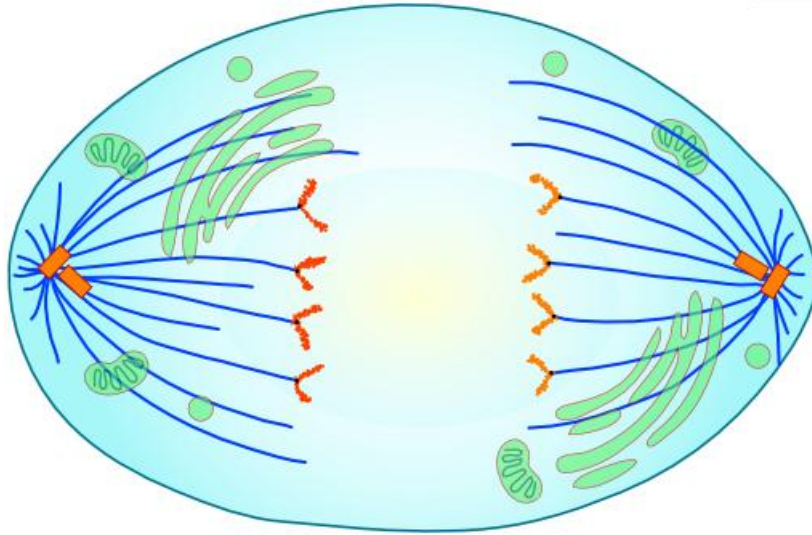




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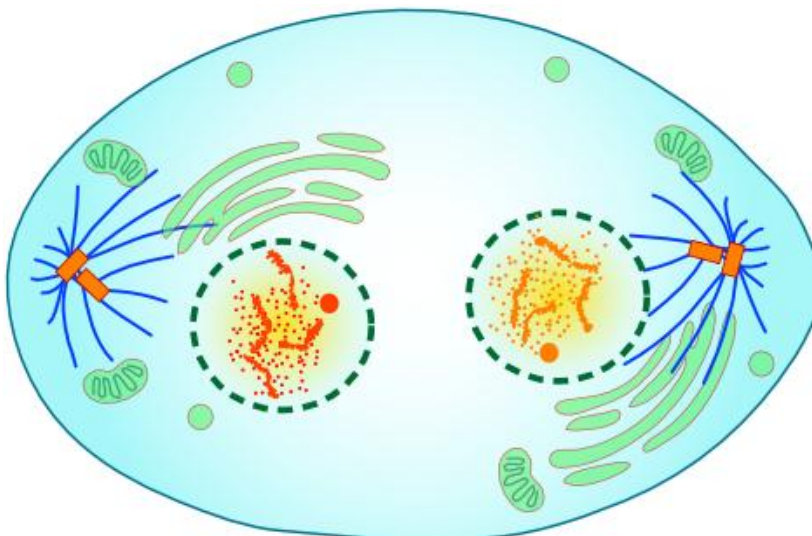
the copied chromosomes separate and move to opposite ends of the cell



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### **Telophase**

a nuclear membrane forms around each set of daughter chromosomes



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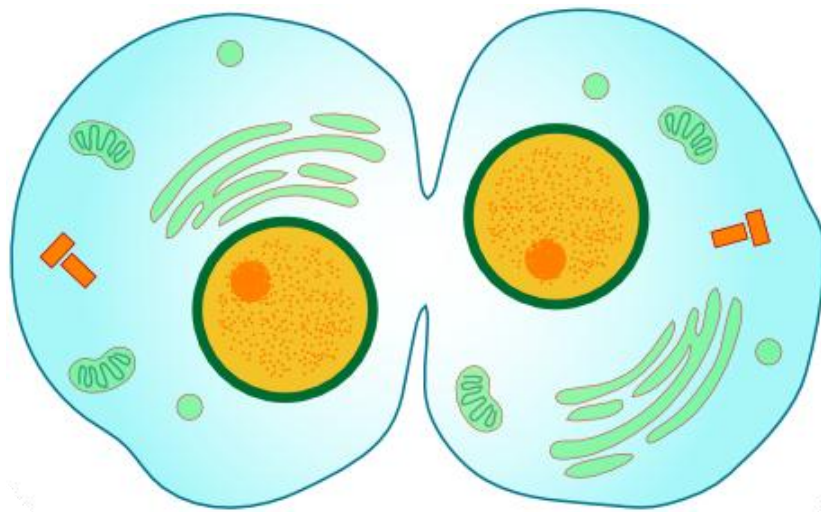
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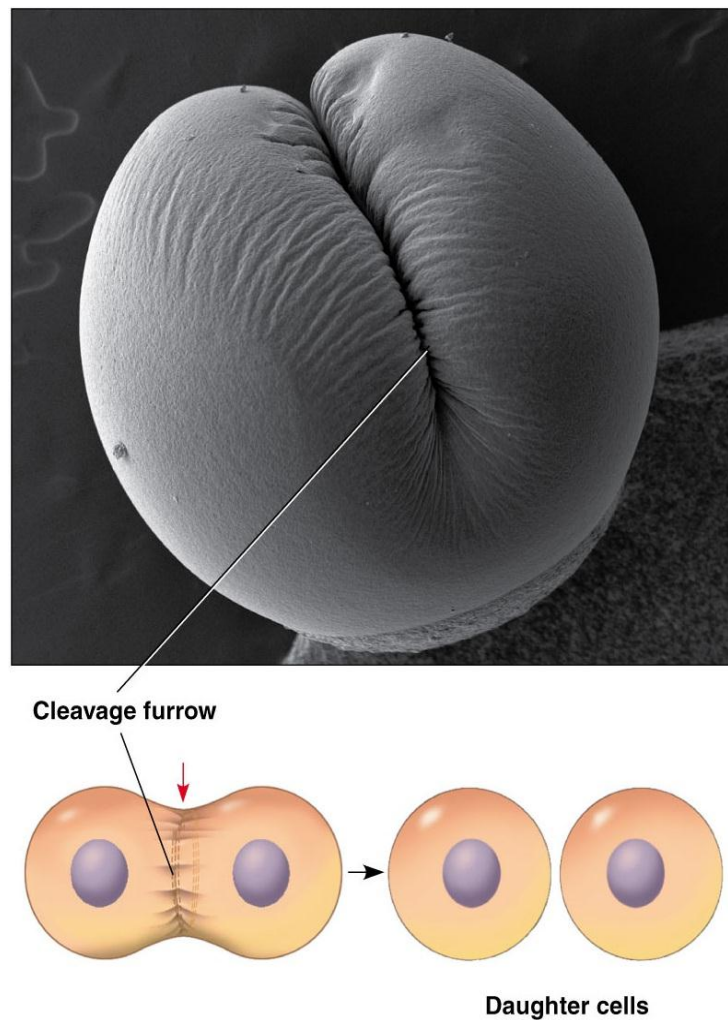
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## **Cytokinesis**

the division of the cytoplasm of a cell



It occurs when the cell membrane pinches inward



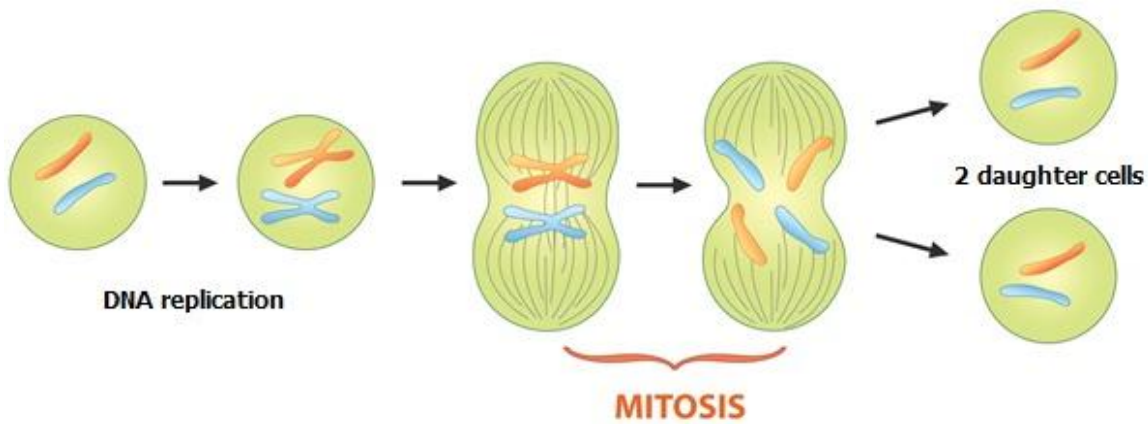
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## Daughter cells

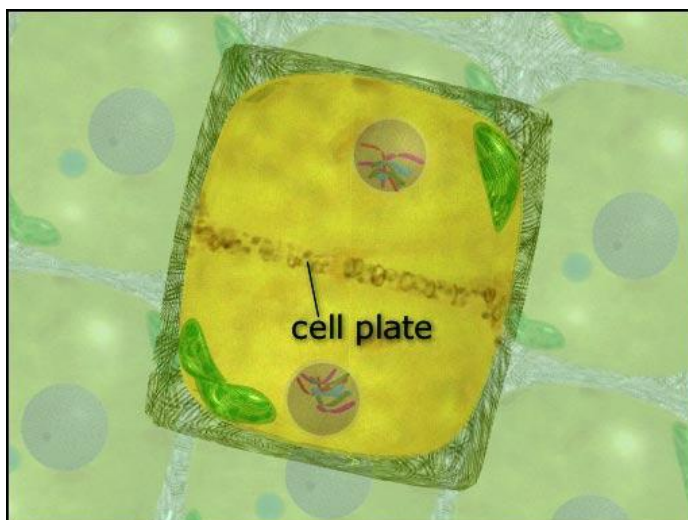
the two identical cells formed by mitosis



Cytokinesis in plants

a cell plate separates the cell into two cells

Each daughter cell receives an identical copy of the original cell's chromosomes



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